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1. The following loadings were [ ] in Wittenberg:

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At about 3 p.m. on 18 April: about 25 trucks including [ ]  
[ ] Trucks  
hailed baggage to the station.

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At about noon on 19 April: 25 T-34/85 tanks [ ]  
[ ] truck [ ] and 3 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns  
from the Beseler Kaserne.<sup>1</sup>

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2. Motor vehicles from the Flak Kaserne in Merseburg were entrained on 19 April:

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3. At about 5 p.m. on 17 April, 2 trains without locomotive were observed on sidings at the Forst Zinna railroad station. The first train carried 10 to 12 T-43 tanks and the second train 6 trucks, 6 tank trucks, 5 AA machine guns, 6 to 8 closed boxcars and 6 to 8 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.<sup>3</sup>

4. The following loadings were [ ] in Weimar on 18 April:

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16 cars with troops and billeting equipment, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 18 trucks, 12 x 76-mm AT guns. The unit came from the Tannenberg Kaserne and was dispatched toward Erfurt at 9 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. on 19 April, a train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 14 x 120-mm mortars, and 10 boxcars with troops, 4 cars with billeting equipment and sedan [ ] left toward Erfurt. [ ] about 400 troops on armored personnel carriers to have moved to the Tannenberg Kaserne.<sup>4</sup> On 23 April, troops and materiel from the Luetzendorf Kaserne were loaded and dispatched toward Leipzig at 4 p.m. The unit included troops on 13 cars, and 20 trucks with pontoons [ ]  
[ ] and a motorboat on an undetermined number of flatcars.<sup>5</sup>

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5. On 14 April, the Flak Kaserne in Niekern was occupied by about 3,700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Between 14 and 16 April, the installation was left by a total of about 30 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, 16 x 160-mm AT guns, 6 JS tanks, 2 heavy SP guns, and 8 armored scout cars and 12 x 76.2-mm AT guns.

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6. The following materiel from the Hermann-Goerig Kaserne in Dresden-Klotzsche was loaded:

On 13 April: 25 tanks

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Materiel loaded in Meissen on 15 April included: 7 T-34/85 tanks and 11 JS tanks

Another train loaded there carried 24 T-34/85 tanks and 12 to 15 trucks with rocket launchers.<sup>8</sup>

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3. Field Comment. about 4 trains carrying elements of the 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div were loaded in Wittenberg on 17 April for shipment to Forst Zinna.

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4. Comment. Entrainments, presumably to Ohrdruf, of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Weimar were confirmed

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that the loading of the 65th Gds Mecz Regt as well as of the 581st Mort Regt from the Tannenberg Kaserne started on 15 April.

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5. Comment. Apparently, elements of the army engineer regiment of the Eighth Gds Army were loaded. The route toward Leipzig leads to the assumption that the troops went to the Dessau training area.

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6. Comment. The Flak Kaserne in Niekern is believed to be occupied by the 399th Gds How Arty Regt, the 53d Gds RL Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div, and the 9th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div or the 6th Mtrcl Bn of the First Gds Mecz Army. departure of armored scout cars and of rocket launchers on 11 and 16 April. The vehicles probably moved to Koenigsbrueck.

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